<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

In re the Patent Application of:

A. James Smith JR.

Serial No.: **09/970,955**

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

SECURING A LIST OF PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

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A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c))

I, Vincent E. McGeary, represent that I am an attorney of record for this application.

Petitioner, A. James Smith, Jr., a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4901 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Apt. 1903, Naples, Florida 34103, represents that he is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/970,955, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A LIST OF PASSWORDS AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS," filed October 4, 2001.

Petitioner further represents that he is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. <u>6,253,328 B1</u>, filed on February 12, 1998, and issued on June 26, 2001.

Petitioner hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on said U.S. Application Serial No. 09/970,955, which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,328 B1, issued on June 26, 2001.

Petitioner further agrees that any patent issuing on said U.S. Patent Application No. 09/970,955 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to said U.S. Patent Application No. 09/970,955 and to be binding upon the grantee, its successor or assigns.

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Respectfully submitted,

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